GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary(EO), Mandavalli Grama Panchayat, Krishna District (now Retd.)– Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of Charge issued – explanation submitted – Enquiry conducted – Enquiry Report received – Show cause Notice issued – Explanation submitted- Imposed penalty of withholding of 5% cut in pension permanently under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, besides recovery of the amount misappropriated- Orders-Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 690 **Dated: 09-12-2024**

Read the following:

1. From the CPR & RD Letter No. 19558/CPR&RD/B1/1991/380149, Dated:17.12.2019 .
2. WSD of Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Executive Officer), Mandavalli Panchayat, Mandavalli Mandal, Krishna District, dt.02.9.2012.
3. CPR&RD Procdgs. No. 12451/CPR/B1/2011, Dated 14.11.2018.
4. EO's Report in Lr.Rc.No.652/2018/A, dt.29.11.2018.
5. Representation from Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (EO), Mandavalli Panchayat, Mandavalli Mandal, Krishna District (now Retired) dt.15.07.2023
6. Showcase Notice vide Govt. Memo No.1211824/Vig-IV/A1/2023-1, dt.18.11.2023.
7. Explanation from Sri A. Veerabhadra Rao, (Retired), Mandavalli GP, Eluru District, dt.30.11.2023.

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ORDER:-

In the letter 1st read above, the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P. has informed that, disciplinary action has been initiated by framing Articles of charges against Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (Executive Officer), Mandavalli Grama Panchayat, Mandavalli Mandal, Krishna District (now Retd.), for certain financial irregularities committed by him in misappropriating the House Tax collections and etc., in the CPR&RE Charge Memo No.12451/CPR&RE/B1/2011, dt.16.05.2012, under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 13.08.2012 and submitted his Written Statement of dated.02.09.2012. The Commissioner, PR&RD, AP has appointed the Divisional Panchayat Officer, Gudiwada as Inquiry Officer and the Extension Officer (PR&RD), Mudinepalli as Presenting Officer under 24 R/w Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 in Procdgs. No. 12451/CPR/B1/2011, Dated:14.11.2018 for conducting regular inquiry against the charged officer.

3. The Inquiry Officer completed the inquiry and submitted findings, stating that three (3) charges are proved against the Charged Officer. Further, the Inquiry Officer has stated that an amount of Rs.55,526/- for the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 has to be recovered from the charged officer.

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4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer, with a request to submit his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer. In the reference 5th read above, Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (EO), Mandavalli Panchayat, Krishna District (now Retd.) has submitted his explanation and requested to issue orders for dropping the charges pending against him.

5. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the Charged Officer has retired from Government Service on attaining the age of Superannuation on 30.06.2012.

6. After careful examination of the entire issue, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer and the written representation of the Charged officer, it has been provisionally decided to impose the penalty of "withholding of 5% of pension permanently, besides recovery of the amount misappropriated amount as finalized in the inquiry", under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against the Charged Officer vize., Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (EO) Mandavalli Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Krishna District (now Retd.), as the (3) charges are held proved in the inquiry.

7. In the reference 6th read above, Show-Cause has been issued to the Charged Officer Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (EO) Mandavalli Gram Panchayat and Mandal, Krishna District (now Retd.) duly indicating the quantum of the proposed punishment to be imposed against him. The charged officer acknowledged the show-cause notice and submitted his explanation in the reference 7th cited. In his explanation Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary (Retd.) has not submitted any new/valid points to consider his explanation.

8. After careful examination of the entire matter, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% cut in pension permanently" on Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, Panchayat Secretary(Retd.) besides recovery of the amount misappropriated, as finalized by the Inquiry officer" as the charges framed against him are held proved in the inquiry, under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Director, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri A.Veerabhadra Rao, the then Panchayat Secretary (EO) Mandavalli Gram Panchayat, Krishna District (now Retd.) through the Director, PR&RD, AP., Tadepalli, Guntur District

The Director, PR&RD, A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.

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The Accountant General(A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon. Dy.CM for PR&RD, RWS, EFS&T.
The Secretary to A.P Vigilance Commission, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The PS to the Prl. Secy to Govt., PR&RD Dept.,
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